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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO CARDIFF MARCH 6

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE SECRETARY A LETTER FROM W. R. DAVIES, DIRECTOR, WELSH CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN CARDIFF INVITING THE SECRETARY TO PAY A BRIEF VISIT TO THE CENTER WHEN HE IS IN CARDIFF ON MARCH 6. WE TRANSMIT HERewith THE TEXT OF THE LETTER. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED.

BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR DR. KISSINGER, WE WERE DELIGHTED TO LEARN OF YOUR PROPOSED VISIT TO CARDIFF ON MARCH 6TH 1975, WHEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, THE RT. HON. JAMES CALLAGHAN, MP. WILL BE RECEIVING THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF CARDIFF.

MR. CALLAGHAN HAS SERVED BOTH CARDIFF AND THE UNITED KINGDOM IN PARLIAMENT FOR THIRTY YEARS AND WE ARE ALL VERY PLEASED THAT HE HAS BEEN ACCORDED THIS ILLUSTRIOUS HONOUR.

WE HAVE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED IN WALES THE WELSH CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WHICH IS HOUSED IN A UNIQUE BUILDING, THE TEMPLE OF PEACE, WHOSE HISTORY IS DESCRIBED IN THE ENCLOSED BROCHURE. WE WOULD BE VERY HONOURED IF YOU COULD VISIT THE TEMPLE OF PEACE DURING THE COURSE OF MARCH 6TH. WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY FORM OF MEETING OR OCCASION WHICH WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR YOU, BUT IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT A GATHERING OF THE SCHOOLS MIGHT BE A MOST NOTEWORTHY EVENT.

I HAVE INFORMED MR. CALLAGHAN THAT I AM WRITING TO
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YOU AND I DO HOPE THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HONOUR US WITH

YOUR PRESENCE.

WE HAVE ALREADY HAD CONTACT WITH THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY, AS YOU WILL SEE FROM PAGE 14 OF THE ENCLOSED ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WELSH CENTRE.

YOURS SINCERELY, W. R. DAVIES, DIRECTOR. END QUOTE

2. DAVIES HAS ALSO WRITTEN TO FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN TO INFORM HIM OF THE INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY. FCO OFFICIALS INFORM US THAT THEY ARE JUST BEGINNING TO WORK OUT SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR SECRETARY AND CALLAGHAN FOR AFTERNOON OF MARCH 6 AND ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBLE VISIT BY BOTH SECRETARIES TO THE CENTER AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO BOTH. UNTIL FCO HAS SOME FIRM SUGGESTIONS ON MARCH 6 PROGRAM, WE RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY DEFER REPLYING TO DAVIES.

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